Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06)

Auditing Procedures Report

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| Local Unit of Government Type | | | | | Local Unit Name | | County |
|-------------------------------|--------|------|--------------|-------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| County | ☐ City | ⊠Twp | □Village | Other | Casco Townsh | ip | St. Clair County |
| Fiscal Year End | | | Opinion Date | | | Date Audit Report Submitted to State | |
| March 31, | 2008 | | June 10, | 2008 | | June 13, 2008 | |
| We affirm that | t: | _ | | | | | |

We are certified public accountants licensed to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following material, "no" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (report of comments and recommendations).

| | YES | 9 | Check each applicable box below. (See instructions for further detail.) |
|----|----------|---|---|
| 1. | X | | All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary. |
| 2. | X | | There are no accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets (P.A. 275 of 1980) or the local unit has not exceeded its budget for expenditures. |
| 3. | X | | The local unit is in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury. |
| 4. | \times | | The local unit has adopted a budget for all required funds. |
| 5. | X | | A public hearing on the budget was held in accordance with State statute. |
| 6. | X | | The local unit has not violated the Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, or other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division. |
| 7. | X | | The local unit has not been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit. |
| 8. | X | | The local unit only holds deposits/investments that comply with statutory requirements. |
| | | | |

- The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).
- 10.

 There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that has not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover.
- 11.

 X The local unit is free of repeated comments from previous years.
- 12. X The audit opinion is UNQUALIFIED.
- 13.

 The local unit has complied with GASB 34 or GASB 34 as modified by MCGAA Statement #7 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- 14.

 The board or council approves all invoices prior to payment as required by charter or statute.
- 15.

 To our knowledge, bank reconciliations that were reviewed were performed timely.

If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects.

| Enclosed | sed Not Required (enter a brief justification) | | | | | | |
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St. Clair County, Michigan

Audited Financial Report March 31, 2008

Lehn L. King Certified Public Accountant Marlette, Michigan

Township of CascoAnnual Financial Report
For The Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2008

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Members of the Township Board **Casco Township** St. Clair County, Michigan

Independent Auditor's Report

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Casco, Michigan as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Casco, Michigan's management. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that the audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinions.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Casco, Michigan as of March 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, and the budgetary comparison schedules, as identified in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Casco, Michigan's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

As described in Note 1, the Township implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, and related statements, as of April 1, 2003.

Lehn King Lehn L. King

Certified Public Accountant

June 10, 2008

Casco, Michigan

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS LETTER

Our discussion and analysis of the Township of Casco's financial performance provides an overview of the Township's financial activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the Township's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

The Township is in a good financial position with a General Fund Balance of \$639,993.

Using this Report

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No.34. GASB Statement 34 implements a new model of financial reporting for state and local governments designed to enhance the usefulness of the Township's annual report.

The Township as a Whole

The Township of Casco's fund balances are as follows:

| | March 31, 2008 | | | March 31, 2007 | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----|--------------------|--|--|
| General Fund Parks & Recreation Fund | \$ | 639,993 450,141 | \$ | 595,934 412,599 | | |
| Liquor Enforcement Fund | | 11,253 | | 10,269 | | |
| Total for Township | \$ | 1,101,387 | \$ | 1,018,802 | | |

Casco, Michigan

Governmental Activities

The Township of Casco's Revenues and Expenditures can be summarized as follows:

| | General Fund | Parks & Recreation Fund | | Liquor Law Enforcement Fund | | Total Governmental Activities | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Fund Balance - Beginning of Year | \$ 595,934 | \$ | 412,599 | \$ | 10,269 | \$ | 1,018,802 |
| Revenue Collected | | | | | | | |
| Intergovernmental Revenue | 324,578 | | 19,776 | | 3,880 | | 348,234 |
| Property Taxes | 163,780 | | - | | - | | 163,780 |
| Permits & Fees | 36,598 | | - | | | | 36,598 |
| Charges for Services | 18,087 | | - | | - | | 18,087 |
| Other | 55,481 | | 18,393 | | 128 | | 74,002 |
| Total Revenue Collected | 598,524 | | 38,169 | | 4,008 | | 640,701 |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | |
| General Government | 269,463 | | - | | - | | 269,463 |
| Public Safety | | | | | | | |
| Fire | 90,492 | | - | | - | | 90,492 |
| Building Department | 51,143 | | - | | - | | 51,143 |
| Other | 28,271 | | - | | 3,024 | | 31,295 |
| Public Works | | | | | | | |
| Roads & Drains | 111,095 | | - | | - | | 111,095 |
| Other | 4,001 | | - | | - | | 4,001 |
| Recreation & Culture | - | | 527 | | - | | 527 |
| Capital Outlay | - | | - | | - | | - |
| Total Expenditures | 554,465 | | 527 | | 3,024 | | 558,016 |
| Fund Balance - End of Year | \$ 639,993 | \$ | 450,241 | \$ | 11,253 | \$ | 1,101,487 |

Casco, Michigan

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The Township of Casco's 2008/2009 adopted budget is as follows:

| | Genera | l Fund | Park Fund | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------|--|--|
| • | Marc | h 31, | Marcl | h 31, | | |
| • | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | | |
| Budgeted Balance Forward | 220,000 | 200,000 | - | - | | |
| Revenue | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 153,150 | 151,150 | 18,765 | 18,765 | | |
| Intergovernmental Revenue | 320,000 | 320,000 | - | - | | |
| Charges for Services | 55,000 | 54,000 | - | - | | |
| Other | 45,500 | 48,000 | 5,480 | 5,480 | | |
| Total Funds Available | 793,650 | 773,150 | 24,245 | 24,245 | | |
| Expenditures | | | | | | |
| General Government | 359,752 | 356,340 | - | - | | |
| Public Safety - Fire | 100,000 | 100,000 | - | - | | |
| Public Safety - Building Department | 57,914 | 63,200 | - | - | | |
| Public Safety - Other | 38,000 | 37,500 | - | - | | |
| Public Works - Roads & Drains | 228,000 | 169,001 | - | - | | |
| Parks & Recreation | - | - | 39,027 | 23,500 | | |
| Capital Outlay | 8,000 | 8,000 | - | - | | |
| Transfers | - | - | - | | | |
| Total Expenditures | 791,666 | 734,041 | 39,027 | 23,500 | | |
| Net Over/Under Budget | \$ 1,984 | \$ 39,109 | \$ (14,782) | \$ 745 | | |

The Township of Casco's General Fund budget for next year is approximately the same budget as a year ago.

Contacting the Township

This report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to demonstrate the Township's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Township office at 4512 Meldrum Road, Casco, Michigan or by telephone at (586) 727-7524

Karen Holk Township of Casco Supervisor

Statement of Net Assets (Deficit) March 31, 2008

| | Primary Government |
|--|---------------------------|
| | Governmental |
| | Activities |
| Assets | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$ 1,091,798.66 |
| Accounts Receivable | 62,040.77 |
| Due From Other Funds | 3.91 |
| Capital Assets | |
| Nondepreciable Capital Assets | 219,514.00 |
| Depreciable Capital Assets | 39,582.48 |
| Total Assets | 1,412,939.82 |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | |
| Accounts Payable | 50,135.44 |
| Due to Other Governmental Units | 2,220.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 52,355.44 |
| Net Assets (Deficit) | |
| Invested in Capital Assets - Net of Related Debt | 259,096.48 |
| Restricted: | |
| Restricted for Parks & Recreation | 450,241.32 |
| Unrestricted | 651,246.58 |
| Total Net Assets (Deficit) | \$ 1,360,584.38 |

Township of Casco Statement of Activities

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

| | | | Program Revenues | | | | Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Assets | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|-----------|---|--------------|--|
| | | | Operating Capital | | apital | | nary Government | | |
| | | Charges for | | Grants & | Gra | ants & | (| Governmental | |
| | Expenses | Serv | ices | Contributions | Conti | ributions | | Activities | |
| Functions/Programs | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary Government: | | | | | | | | | |
| Governmental Activities: | | | | | | | | | |
| General Government | \$ 272,093.15 | \$ | | \$ - | \$ | - | \$ | (272,093.15) | |
| Public Safety | 172,929.67 | 54 | 1,684.83 | - | | - | | (118,244.84) | |
| Public Works | 115,095.80 | | - | - | | - | | (115,095.80) | |
| Public Works | 527.08 | | - | - | | - | | (527.08) | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | | | | - | | <u>-</u> | | <u>-</u> | |
| <u>Total Governmental Activities</u> | 560,645.70 | 54 | 1,684.83 | - | | <u>-</u> | | (505,960.87) | |
| | G IB | | | | | | | | |
| | General Revenues: | | | | | | d) | 1 62 700 00 | |
| | Property Taxes | D. | | | | | \$ | 163,780.08 | |
| | Intergovernmental | Revenues | | | | | | 348,234.25 | |
| | Interest | | | | | | | 42,992.60 | |
| | Other Revenues | | | | | | | 31,009.40 | |
| | Transfers | | | | | | | <u>-</u> | |
| | Total General Revenues, Special Items & Transfers | | | | | | | 586,016.33 | |
| | Change in Net Assets | | | | | | | 80,055.46 | |
| | Net Assets (Deficit) - | Beginning of Ye | ear | | | | | 1,280,528.92 | |
| | Net Assets (Deficit) - | End of Year | | | | | \$ | 1,360,584.38 | |

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds March 31, 2008

| <u>Assets</u> | General Fund | Parks & Recreation Fund | Liquor Law Enforcement Fund | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cash & Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable Due From Other Funds | \$ 630,303.94 62,040.77 3.91 | \$ 450,241.32 - - | \$ 11,253.40 - - | \$ 1,091,798.66 62,040.77 3.91 |
| Total Assets | \$ 692,348.62 | \$ 450,241.32 | \$ 11,253.40 | \$ 1,153,843.34 |
| Liabilities & Fund Equity Liabilities Accounts Payable Due To Other Funds | \$ 50,135.44 2,220.00 | \$ - - | \$ - - | \$ 50,135.44 2,220.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 52,355.44 | | | 52,355.44 |
| Fund Equity Fund Balances: Reserved: | | | | |
| Parks & Recreation | - | 450,241.32 | - | 450,241.32 |
| Liquor Law Enforcement | - | - | 11,253.40 | 11,253.40 |
| Construction Code Enforcement Unreserved - Undesignated | 15,566.00 624,427.18 | <u>-</u> | - - | 15,566.00 624,427.18 |
| Total Fund Equity | 639,993.18 | 450,241.32 | 11,253.40 | 1,101,487.90 |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Equity | \$ 692,348.62 | \$ 450,241.32 | \$ 11,253.40 | \$ 1,153,843.34 |

Governmental Funds
Reconciliation of Fund Balances to the
Statement of Net Assets (Deficit)
For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

| Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds & Equipment Fund | \$ | 1,101,487.90 |
|--|----|--------------|
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets (deficit) are different because: | | |
| Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the Funds | _ | 259,096.48 |
| Net Assets of Governmental Activities | \$ | 1.360.584.38 |

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
And Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

| <u>Revenues</u> | General Fund | Parks & Recreation Fund | quor Law forcement Fund | G | Total overnmental Funds |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| Property Taxes | \$ 163,780.08 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ | 163,780.08 |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | 324,578.00 | 19,776.00 | 3,880.25 | | 348,234.25 |
| Licenses, Permits, & Fees | 36,597.50 | - | - | | 36,597.50 |
| Charges for Services | 11,492.33 | - | - | | 11,492.33 |
| Interest Earnings | 24,471.41 | 18,393.22 | 127.97 | | 42,992.60 |
| Fire Run Reimbursements | 6,595.00 | - | - | | 6,595.00 |
| Rents & Royalties | 21,645.02 | - | - | | 21,645.02 |
| Other Revenues | 9,364.38 | | | | 9,364.38 |
| Total Revenues | 598,523.72 | 38,169.22 | 4,008.22 | | 640,701.16 |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| General Government | 269,463.31 | - | - | | 269,463.31 |
| Public Safety | 169,905.74 | - | 3,023.93 | | 172,929.67 |
| Public Works | 115,095.80 | - | - | | 115,095.80 |
| Recreation & Culture | - | 527.08 | - | | 527.08 |
| Capital Outlay | - | - | - | | - |
| Total Expenditures | 554,464.85 | 527.08 | 3,023.93 | | 558,015.86 |
| Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 44,058.87 | 37,642.14 | 984.29 | | 82,685.30 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers In (Out) | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | | <u>-</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | 44,058.87 | 37,642.14 | 984.29 | | 82,685.30 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning of Year | 595,934.31 | 412,599.18 | 10,269.11 | | 1,018,802.60 |
| Fund Balances - End of Year | \$ 639,993.18 | \$ 450,241.32 | \$ 11,253.40 | \$ | 1,101,487.90 |

Governmental Funds
Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

| Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds & Equipment Fund | \$ 82,685.30 |
|---|-----------------|
| Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because: | |
| Governmental Funds report Capital Outlays as Expenditures in the Statement of Activities, these costs are capitalized and allocated over their estimated useful lives as Depreciation | - |
| Depreciation is an Expenditures for the Statement of Activities, but is not reported in the Governmental Funds | (2,629.84) |
| Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities | \$ 80,055.46 |

Statement of Net Assets (Deficit)
Fiduciary Funds
March 31, 2008

| | Fiduciary l | Fund Types | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Agency | y Funds | |
| <u>Assets</u> | Trust & Agency Fund | Current Tax Collection Fund | Totals March 31, 2008 |
| Cash - Savings & Certificates Due From Other Funds | \$ 11,494.68 2,220.00 | \$ 3.91 | \$ 11,498.59 2,220.00 |
| Total Assets | \$ 13,714.68 | \$ 3.91 | \$ 13,718.59 |
| Liabilities & Fund Balance Liabilities Due To General Fund Due To Others | \$ - 13,714.68 | \$ 3.91 | \$ 3.91 13,714.68 |
| Total Liabilities | 13,714.68 | 3.91 | 13,718.59 |
| Fund Balances Unreserved & Undesignated | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | |
| Total Fund Balances Total Liabilities & Fund Balances | \$ 13,714.68 | \$ 3.91 | \$ 13,718.59 |

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

The accounting methods and procedures adopted by the Township of Casco, St. Clair County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental entities. The following notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the Townships Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Reporting Entity

The Township of Casco was incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan and operates as a General Law Township, with a Township Board form of government. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the Township of Casco (the primary government) and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the Township reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the Township.

Government-wide and Fund Statements Fund

The Government-wide Financial Statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Assets (Deficit) and the Statement of Activities) report information on all the nonfiduciary activities of the Township (the primary government). The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function (governmental activities) or identifiable activity (business-type activities) are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or activity; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or activity. Taxes and other revenue items properly excluded from program revenues are reported as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, and Fiduciary Funds, even though the latter are excluded from the Government-wide Financial Statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Liquor Law Enforcement Fund – This fund accounts for specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for liquor law enforcement.

Parks and Recreation Fund – This fund accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and development of park land.

Additionally, the Township reports the following fund types:

Agency Funds – These funds account for assets held for others in an agency capacity.

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The Government-wide Financial Statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual - that is, when they become both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period, generally collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Revenues susceptible to accrual include property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, special assessments, licenses, charges for services, and interest. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the Township. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Cash - The Township does not pool cash resources of its various funds to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the cash accounts is available to meet current operating requirements. Cash in excess of current requirements is invested in various interest-bearing securities and disclosed as part of the Township's investments.

Investments - Debt securities are valued at cost since it is generally the policy of the Township to hold such investments until they mature.

Due to and Due from Other Funds - Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed.

Property Tax Revenues - Property taxes are levied on December 1 based on the assessed value of property as listed on the previous December 31. Assessed values are an approximation of market value. A revaluation of all real property must be made every year.

Vacation, Sick Leave, & Other Compensated Absences - The Township has an agreement with its full-time employees which allows for one week of vacation after one year and two weeks of vacation after two years of service. Any unused vacation days at the end of the year are forfeited. The Township does not have any other agreements for sick or other compensated absences with its employees or elected officials.

Inventories and Prepaid Items - Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in both Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements.

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include buildings and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the Government-wide Financial Statements. Capital assets are defined by the Township as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings & Building Improvements Machinery & Equipment 10 to 50 years 10 years

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Long-Term Obligations - In the Government-wide Financial Statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, issuance costs, and the deferred amount on refunding are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount and deferred amount on refunding. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Equity - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accounting Changes

GASB Statement No. 34 – Effective April 1, 2003, the Township implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* (GASB No. 34). Changes to the Township's financial statements as a result of GASB No. 34 are as follows:

- A management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) section providing analysis of the Township's overall financial position and results of operations has been included.
- Government-wide Financial Statements (statement of net assets (deficit) and statement of activities) prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Township's activities have been provided.
- Capital assets in the governmental activities column of the statement of net assets (deficit) includes assets not
 previously accounted for by the Township. In addition, the governmental activities column includes bonds and other
 long-term obligations, previously reported in the General Long-term Debt Account Group.
- The fund financial statements focus on major funds rather that fund types.

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Budgetary Information

The Township is legally subject to the budgetary control requirements of State of Michigan P.A. 621 of 1978 (the Uniform Budgeting Act). The following statements represent a brief synopsis of the major provisions of this Act:

- 1. Prior to April 1, the Township Supervisor submits to the Township Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing April 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior to April 1, the budget is legally enacted.
- 4. The budget is used by the Township Board as a management tool during the year for all budgetary funds. The budgets are adopted on a cash basis which is not consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgetary control is exercised at the departmental level.
- 5. Budget amounts are as originally adopted, and as amended by the Township Board.

In the body of the financial statements, the Township actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on a functional basis. The approved budget was adopted to the department level. Budgets for these funds are shown in the supplemental schedules to this statement.

During the year ended March 31, 2008, the Township incurred expenditures in certain budgetary funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

| Total | Amount of | Budget |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriations | Expenditures | Variance |
| | | |

NONE

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

3. Cash and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Local Unit to deposit and invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The Township Board has designated six banks for the deposit of Township funds. The investment policy adopted by the board was in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997. The Board has authorized investment in bank accounts and CDs, but not the remainder of State statutory authority as listed above. The Township's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority. All cash deposits and investments of the Township are held by the Township in the Township's name.

At year end, the deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

| | | Fi | Fiduciary - | | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | overnmental Activities | Trust & Agency Funds | | Primary Government | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$ 1,091,799 | \$ | 14,219 | \$ | 1,106,018 |

The breakdown between deposits and investments is as follows:

| | • |
|----|----------------|
| G | overnment |
| \$ | 1,106,018 |
| | G \$ |

The bank balance of the primary government's deposits is \$1,106,018, of which \$320,242 is covered by federal depository insurance and \$-0- is collateralized with U.S. Treasury securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department in the Township's name.

Custodial Credit Risk of Bank Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned to it. The Township does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At year end, the Township had approximately \$785,776 of bank deposits (certificates of deposit, checking, and savings accounts) that were uninsured and uncollateralized. The Township believes that due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance, it is impractical to insure all deposits. As a result, the Township evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

Credit Risk

State law limits investments in commercial paper to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The Township's investment policy does not further limit its investment choices.

At year end, there were no investments reported in the basic financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

4. Property Taxes

The Township is responsible for assessing, collecting, and distributing property taxes in accordance with enabling state legislation. Property taxes become a lien on the first day of December of the levy year and might be paid by the following February 14.

Property taxes are recognized in compliance with NCGAI-3 which states that such revenue is recorded when it becomes measurable and available.

The Township levied the following taxes:

General Government Services <u>0.7757</u> mills

5. Interfund Receivables, Payables, & Transfers

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "Due from other funds" or "Due to other funds" on the balance sheet. The amounts of interfund receivables and payables are as follows:

| | Dι | ie From | | \mathbf{D} | ue To |
|---------------------|-----|----------|---------------------|--------------|----------|
| | Oth | er Funds | | Oth | er Funds |
| General Fund | \$ | 4 | Tax Collection Fund | \$ | 4 |
| Trust & Agency Fund | | 2,220 | General Fund | | 2,220 |
| Total | \$ | 2,224 | | \$ | 2,224 |

Interfund Transfers reported in the Fund Statements are as follows:

NONE

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity of the Township's governmental activities was as follows:

| | | Balance oril 1, 2007 | A | dditions | • | sals & tments | Balance rch 31, 2008 |
|--|----|-------------------------|----|----------|----|------------------|-------------------------|
| Governmental Activities: | | | | | | | |
| Capital Assets not being Depreciated: | \$ | 219,514 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ 219,514 |
| Capital Assets being Depreciated: | | | | | | | |
| Buildings & Building Improvements | \$ | 93,992 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ 93,992 |
| Machinery & Equipment | | 30,951 | | - | | - | 30,951 |
| Total Capital Assets being Depreciated | - | 117,443 | | - | • | - | 124,943 |
| Accumulated Depreciation: | | | | | | | |
| Buildings & Building Improvements | | (58,280) | | (1,880) | | - | (60,160) |
| Machinery & Equipment | | (24,451) | | (750) | | - | (25,201) |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation | | (73,388) | | (2,630) | | - | (85,361) |
| Net Capital Assets being Depreciated | | 44,055 | | (2,630) | | - | 39,582 |
| Net Total Capital Assets | \$ | 263,569 | \$ | (2,630) | \$ | | \$ 259,096 |

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:

| General Government | \$ 2,630 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Governmental Activities | \$ 2,630 |

7. Long-Term Debt

The Township does not have any Long-Term Debt.

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

8. Reserves, Designations, and Restrictions of Fund Balance and Net Assets

Reserves- Reserved fund balances are legal restrictions on fund balance imposed by sources outside the Township, which typically involve donor restrictions for specific purposes on Township financial resource.

Designations - Designated fund balances are restrictions imposed by the Township on the use of fund balance for specific purposes.

Restricted Net Asset - Restricted Net Assets on the Statement of Net Assets are similar to reserved fund balance in that a portion of net assets are legally restricted for a specific purpose as imposed by sources outside of the Township.

The schedule of reserved, designated and restricted fund balance and net assets is as follows:

| | eserved Fund Balance | destricted Net Assets |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Governmental Activities: | | |
| Parks & Recreation | \$ 450,241 | \$ 450,241 |
| Liquor Law Enforcement | 11,253 | - |
| Construction Coder Enforcement | 15,566 | - |
| | \$ 477,060 | \$ 450,241 |

9. Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

The Township provides pension benefits to all of its elected officials and full-time employees through a defined contribution plan, the "Casco Township Fringe Benefit Plan", held and administered by American Skandia. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan, plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. The Township contributes fifteen percent of employees' gross earnings. The Township's contributions for each employee, plus interest allocated to the employees account, are fully vested immediately. Employees do not contribute to the Plan.

Pension benefits and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Township Board. For the year ended March 31, 2008, the Township's required and actual contribution was \$17,499.

10. Deficit Fund Balance or Retained Earnings Balances of Individual Funds

None

11. Post Employment Benefits

The Township does not provide any post employment benefits other than pension benefits through American Skandia (See Note 9).

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

12. Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries, as well as medical and workman's compensation benefits provided to employees. The Township has purchased commercial insurance for the various risks of loss stated above.

Settled claims for the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of coverage in any of the past three years. There was no reduction in coverage's obtained through commercial insurance during the past year.

13. Contingent Liabilities

The Township is involved in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, it is the opinion of the Township that resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Township.

Required Supplemental Information

Township of Casco
Required Supplemental Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

| Canaral | |
|---------|--|
| | |

| | Other Lund | | | Variance with | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| | Original | Amended | | Amended | |
| Revenues | Budget | Budget | Actual | Budget | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 151,150.00 | \$ 151,150.00 | \$ 163,780.08 | \$ 12,630.08 | |
| State Shared Revenues | 320,000.00 | 320,000.00 | 324,578.00 | 4,578.00 | |
| Charges for Services | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 11,492.33 | 3,492.33 | |
| Licenses, Fee & Permits | 40,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 36,597.50 | (3,402.50) | |
| Interest Earnings | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 24,471.41 | 4,471.41 | |
| Fire Run Reimbursements | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,595.00 | 595.00 | |
| Rents & Royalties | 15,500.00 | 15,500.00 | 21,645.02 | 6,145.02 | |
| Other Revenues | 12,500.00 | 12,500.00 | 9,364.38 | (3,135.62) | |
| Total Revenues | 573,150.00 | 573,150.00 | 598,523.72 | 25,373.72 | |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| General Government | | | | | |
| Township Board | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 3,727.88 | 272.12 | |
| Township Administration | 73,500.00 | 75,756.61 | 67,769.84 | 7,986.77 | |
| Clerk | 32,426.00 | 33,326.00 | 32,692.30 | 633.70 | |
| Treasurer | 35,176.00 | 35,961.01 | 35,960.93 | 0.08 | |
| Supervisor | 27,176.00 | 27,176.00 | 27,175.92 | 0.08 | |
| Assessor | 26,000.00 | 26,785.01 | 26,185.01 | 600.00 | |
| Cemetery Maintenance | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 3,315,00 | 685.00 | |
| Professional Services | 87,000.00 | 87,000.00 | 45,034.65 | 41,965.35 | |
| Board of Review | 700.00 | 700.00 | 610.00 | 90.00 | |
| Township Hall Expense | 55,349.00 | 47,335.50 | 16.670.78 | 30.664.72 | |
| Insurance & Bonds | 14,300.00 | 14,300.00 | 10,321.00 | 3,979.00 | |
| Total General Government | 359,627.00 | 356,340.13 | 269,463.31 | 86,876.82 | |
| Public Safety | | | | | |
| Fire Protection | 100,000.00 | 100,000.00 | 90,491.71 | 9,508.29 | |
| Planning & Zoning | 28,500.00 | 28,500.00 | 19,746.33 | 8,753.67 | |
| Protective Inspections | 59,914.00 | 63,200.07 | 51,143.37 | 12,056.70 | |
| Street Lights | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 | 7,494.33 | 5.67 | |
| Board of Appeals | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,030.00 | 470.00 | |
| Total Public Safety | 197,414.00 | 200,700.07 | 169,905.74 | 30,794.33 | |
| Public Works | | | | | |
| Road Maintenance | 150,000.00 | 150,000.00 | 107,747.73 | 42,252.27 | |
| Drains At Large | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 3,347.27 | 11,652.73 | |
| Other | 4,000.00 | 4,000.80 | 4,000.80 | 11,032.73 | |
| Total Public Works | 169,000.00 | 169,000.80 | 115,095.80 | 53,905.00 | |
| Capital Outlay | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | | 8,000.00 | |
| Total Expenditures | 734,041.00 | 734,041.00 | 554,464.85 | 179,576.15 | |
| * | 731,011.00 | 75 1,0 11.00 | 331,101.03 | 177,576.15 | |
| Excess of Revenues Over | (160,001,00) | (160,001,00) | 44.050.05 | 204.040.05 | |
| (Under) Expenditures | (160,891.00) | (160,891.00) | 44,058.87 | 204,949.87 | |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | | | | | |
| Operating Transfers In (Out) | | | | | |
| Excess of Revenues & Operating Transfers In Over | | | | | |
| (Under) Expenditures & Operating Transfers In Over | (160,891.00) | (160,891.00) | 44,058.87 | 204,949.87 | |
| (Onder) Expenditures & Operating Transfers Out | (100,071.00) | (100,071.00) | 44,036.67 | 404,747.07 | |
| Fund Balance - Beginning of Year | 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 | 595,934.31 | 395,934.31 | |
| Fund Balance - End of Year | \$ 39,109.00 | \$ 39,109.00 | \$ 639,993.18 | \$ 600,884.18 | |

Required Supplemental Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule Parks & Recreation Fund For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

| Revenues | Original Budget | Amended Budget | Actual | Variance with Amended Budget |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Park Millage | \$ 18,765.00 | \$ 18,765.00 | \$ 19,776.00 | \$ 1,011.00 |
| Interest Sale of Capital Assets | 5,480.00 | 5,480.00 | 18,393.22 | 12,913.22 |
| Total Revenues | 24,245.00 | 24,245.00 | 38,169.22 | 13,924.22 |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 23,500.00 | 23,500.00 | 527.08 | 22,972.92 |
| Total Expenditures | 23,500.00 | 23,500.00 | 527.08 | 22,972.92 |
| Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 745.00 | 745.00 | 37,642.14 | 36,897.14 |
| Other Financing Sources Operating Transfers In (Out) | | | | |
| Excess of Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses | 745.00 | 745.00 | 37,642.14 | 36,897.14 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning of Year | | | 412,599.18 | 412,599.18 |
| Fund Balance - End of Year | \$ 745.00 | \$ 745.00 | \$ 450,241.32 | \$ 449,496.32 |

Required Supplemental Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule Liquor Law Enforcement For The Year Ended March 31, 2008

| Revenues | Original Budget | Amended Budget | Actual | Variance with Amended Budget |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| State Shared Revenue Interest | \$ 4,000.00 115.00 | \$ 4,000.00 115.00 | \$ 3,880.25 127.97 | \$ (119.75) 12.97 |
| Total Revenues | 4,115.00 | 4,115.00 | 4,008.22 | (106.78) |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Liquor Law Inspector | 3,200.00 | 3,180.00 | 2,805.00 | 375.00 |
| Transportation | 200.00 | 220.00 | 218.93 | 1.07 |
| Miscellaneous | 50.00 | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Total Expenditures | 3,450.00 | 3,450.00 | 3,023.93 | 426.07 |
| Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 665.00 | 665.00 | 984.29 | 319.29 |
| Other Financing Sources Operating Transfers In (Out) | | | | <u> </u> |
| Excess of Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Uses | 665.00 | 665.00 | 984.29 | 319.29 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning of Year | | | 10,269.11 | 10,269.11 |
| Fund Balance - End of Year | \$ 665.00 | \$ 665.00 | \$ 11,253.40 | \$ 10,588.40 |

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June 9, 2008

Casco Township 4512 Meldrum Road Casco, MI 48064

To Members of the Board:

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Casco for the year ended March 31, 2008, and have issued my report thereon dated June 9, 2008. Professional standards require that I provide you with the following information related to my audit.

My Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in my engagement letter dated October 24, 2005, my responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. My audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

I performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of my engagement letter, I will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Township of Casco are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ending March 31, 2008. I noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

I encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing my audit.

Audit Adjustments (Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements)

Professional standards require me to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to my satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. I am pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of my audit.

Management Representations

I have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 9, 2008.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with me to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To my knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

I generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of my professional relationship and my responses were not a condition to my retention.

Communication of Significant Deficiencies and Material Weaknesses

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, I considered the Township of Casco's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the governmental unit's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the governmental unit's internal control.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be significant deficiencies and other deficiencies that I consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. I considered the following deficiencies to be significant deficiencies in internal control:

Preparation of Financial Statements - Management prepares internal financial information to assess operations and the financial position of the Township of Casco on an ongoing basis. Although the internal financial information is sufficient to operate the Township, it is not presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Township contracts with me, the auditor, to draft the financial statements, including all necessary notes, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, since it does not retain staffing that currently have the expertise. I believe this meets the definition of a material weakness under *Statement on Auditing Standards 112*.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. The AICPA Auditing Standards Board issued Statements on Audit Standards (SAS) 112 which establishes standards and provides guidance on communicating matters related to an entity's internal control over financial reporting and is effective for periods ending after December 15, 2006. According to SAS 112, it is considered to be a control deficiency if a client I am auditing has ineffective controls over the preparation of their financial statements such that client controls are absent or controls are not effective in preventing or detecting material misstatements in the preparation of the financial statements, including the related footnotes.

Accrual Adjustments – During the audit, I generally provide significant assistance in identifying and posting accrual adjustments to the accounting records. Accruals represent any adjustments other than cash that impact the accounting records. I bring this to your attention since it meets the above definition on a matter to be communicated.

Segregation of Duties - The relative size of the Township of Casco limits the extent to which the officials can segregate duties and responsibilities which impairs the basic premise that no one individual should have access to both the physical assets and the related accounting records (or all recording tasks of a transaction from inception to completion).

The Township has implemented mitigating controls to strengthen internal controls and the segregation of duties; however, it must be recognized that the risk of intentional or unintentional errors could be made and not detected in a timely manner.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Casco Township's internal control.

My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, I believe the significant deficiencies described above to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Casco Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

During the course of my examination, certain items have come to my attention on which I would like to comment and offer my recommendations.

- 1.) The building bond's cash balance is maintained by the Treasurer. The listing of bonds is kept on an excel spreadsheet by the Clerk. The excel spreadsheet should be printed each month and reconciled with the records of the Treasurer. This would provide assurance that the bonds held by the Township match the cash in the bank.
- 2.) The Township needs to implement additional controls over the collection of fire runs to assure that the fire run revenues are properly accounted. A master list of all open fire runs should be maintained on an ongoing basis in a perpetual accounts receivable. This would allow the Township to monitor who has and has not paid for the fire runs.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of the Township of Casco, and Federal and State agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

Lehn L. King

Lehn King

Certified Public Accountant